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## FAIRBANKS MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Fairbanks, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 26, 2007, that Robert Timothy Limoges, a resident of Fairbanks, was sentenced in federal court in Fairbanks to 48 months imprisonment on his conviction for possession of child pornography.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Limoges, age 28.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Audrey J. Renschen, Limoges possessed approximately 400 images of child pornography that he had obtained on the Internet.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline stated that the offense was very serious, and emphasized that the images were not just pictures, but involved real children being sexually exploited. In addition to imposing the four year sentence, Judge Beistline ordered Limoges to serve eight years of supervised release, with conditions restricting his use of computers and his access to children, and requiring him to register as a sex offender.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation for conducting the investigation leading to the indictment in this case, as well as the University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department and the Fairbanks Police Department, who provided assistance.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, then Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood combines federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <a href="www.projectsafechildhood.gov/">www.projectsafechildhood.gov/</a>.

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